

ARE IN FINE SHAPE

CONDITION OF KANSAS CITY BANKS NEVER BETTER.

FIGURES THAT TELL THE STORY

THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF DEPOSITS IN THEIR HISTORY.

Financial Statements Furnished the Comptroller of the Currency Show Kansas City Banking Institutions to Be in a Remarkably Fine Condition.

It has been known all along in a general way that Kansas City was enjoying a period of unusual business prosperity, but not until now, when the national bank statements just made in response to the call of the comptroller of the currency, have the figures been obtainable to prove it. The banks are all bigger and stronger than ever before, and are doing more business, and on a thoroughly sound basis. Notwithstanding the recent bond purchases and the war revenue tax, which perhaps fell as heavily upon the banks as upon any one branch of business, and are having a telling effect upon New York institutions, Kansas City banks are all full of money and show more deposits than ever before in their history. The number of national banks now is just the same as a year ago, though one more than at the time of the last call, when the Citizens National was out, having been merged with the Union National, the New England National, with a capital of \$200,000, the same as the Citizens National, having recently opened its doors, and starts with a good business. The total deposits of the seven national banks here on the 20th of this month, the date of the call below, were \$90,729 greater than at the date of the time of the last call, when the Citizens National was out, having been merged with the Union National, the New England National, with a capital of \$200,000, the same as the Citizens National, having recently opened its doors, and starts with a good business. The total deposits of the seven national banks here on the 20th of this month, the date of the call below, were \$90,729 greater than at the date of the time of the last call, when the Citizens National was out, having been merged with the Union National, the New England National, with a capital of \$200,000, the same as the Citizens National, having recently opened its doors, and starts with a good business.

BIGGEST LETTING YET.

Public Improvements Committee Will Award \$125,000 Worth of Public Work to-day.

The public improvements committee of the council will meet next Tuesday morning and award contracts amounting to an estimated total of \$125,000. This is the largest letting which has been held for several years, if not in the history of the city. The following are the paving contracts to be awarded:

OFFICERS OF THE W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Annie Dunning, of This City, Is Elected President at Twelfth District Convention.

Miss Ellen D. Morris, corresponding secretary of the W. C. T. U., has just returned from Slater, Mo., where she attended the Twelfth district convention of the W. C. T. U. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Anna M. Dunning, Kansas City.

Recording secretary—Miss Esther Miller, of Marshall, Mo.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. L. O. Middleton, Kansas City.

Treasurer—Mrs. George Pugh, of Kansas City.

There is a barrel of literature in the rooms of the W. C. T. U. about in readiness to be shipped to Jefferson barracks. The barrel is in response to a demand for the same made by Rev. Mr. Sam Small, chaplain of the Third United States regiment civil engineers.

A DAY OF FINE SPORT.

Uncle Joe Irwin and William Wood Land Thirty-eight Crap and Black Perch.

"Not in twelve months have I had a day of finer sport than I enjoyed Thursday," remarked "Uncle Joe" Irwin yesterday.

"Mr. William Wood and I went out for four hours and caught thirty-eight of the finest crappie and black perch I have seen brought in here for years. The day was perfect and the fish bit from the first. It was great sport for us," and "Uncle Joe" rubbed his hands in glee at the pleasant recollections.

MISS OLIVE FARRINGTON SAMPSON.

Invitations have just been issued for the wedding of Miss Olive Farrington Sampson, daughter of the commander of our victorious navy, and Harrison Scott, a wealthy Californian, which is to take place in Glen Ridge, N. Y., with a short while. The event will be one of the social functions of autumn, and among the guests will be some of the most distinguished citizens of the United States and several noted foreigners.

Miss Sampson is 20 years of age and a reigning belle. Her head is crowned with a wealth of dark hair, which she combs back in a most becoming way from an oval, affable face, with eyes radiating happiness.

She has a sweet, lovable disposition, charming manners, and a pleasant smile, which has won for her the individual admiration and respect of each officer and sailor of her father's squadron.

Her father, a San Francisco man of wealth and excellent business capacity, is connected with several large enterprises on the Pacific coast, and will be the only one of Admiral Sampson's son-in-law who is not in the service of his country, the other daughters having married officers in the navy.

FOR LOOTING FREIGHT CARS.

John Post, an Alleged Car Thief, and Andrew Hatch Captured by Railroad Police.

If the case against John Post, alias John Ryan, and Andrew Hatch, alias Oscar Hatch, who were captured by Superintendent Schumacher, of the Pinkerton detective agency, says it is bound to, J. M. Jenkins, captain of the railroad police, captured two very clever train thieves yesterday morning at Sixth and Oak streets.

Post is said to be an old offender. According to the Pinkertons he lived for a long time in Seattle, Wash., where he followed the avocation of a painter, and looted freight cars for a living. His operations which put the Pinkertons on his trail were perpetrated on Northern Pacific freight trains near Tacoma. The company thinks it has evidence sufficient to convict Post.

Alleged mode of operation was peculiar. He would visit the freight yards at night and pick an inviting car. Then, provided with a rope ladder, a fallow candle and a bunch of car seals, he would wait, stretched upon the truss rods, for the train to pull out. When the train got well under way, he would mount to the top of the car, hook his ladder, let himself down and open the car door. Once inside he could pick out the valuables at his leisure. These he would throw out along the track, carefully noting the landmarks of his booty deposits. The next day he would drive back along the track in a wagon and pick up his stolen valuables.

When Post found that the officers were after him in Seattle, he went to Butte, Mont., then to Ogden and Salt Lake City and later to Kansas City. Here he fell in with Hatch, and it is thought that the two were working together. Several of the railroad lines leading into Kansas City have been heavily sufferers from freight car looting, and the officers think now that they have the guilty parties.

Post was traced to this city by means of his mother, who seems to have been ignorant of the suspicion under which her son was held. The description furnished of Post was inadequate, but his mother was traced to Kansas City, where she arrived about two months ago. A man was seen to visit her here, at 714 Holmes street, with her sister, Mrs. J. Kendrick. The man was shadowed. He was seen to go to Hatch's room at 105 East Fourth street. The room was searched yesterday morning by the police. Three new shotguns were found there, two revolvers and a pair of new tan shoes. The shoes were identified as some taken a few weeks ago from a Union Pacific freight car in the Kansas City yards.

The two alleged thieves were arrested while walking together near Sixth and Oak streets. Post is about 22 years old, is slight and somewhat effeminate in appearance. The back of his coat was stained with black ink. He was not inclined to be communicative.

Hatch protests his innocence. He resists when his picture is taken at police headquarters. Post will be taken back to Tacoma.

A RUSH OF LITIGANTS

LAST DAY OF SERVICE BRINGS OUT MANY DAMAGE SUITS.

Victims of Wrecks, of Cable Trains, of Faulty Sidewalks and of Matrimonial File Plans for Compensation or Relief.

This is the last day on which service can be obtained on suits for the October term of the circuit court, and all day yesterday every man in the office of the circuit clerk was kept on the jump from early until late. In all there were fifty-seven suits filed, ranging all the way from divorce suits to suits for damages.

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Some think that a certain man on the bench is the strongest on cases of a certain character, and will only file their suits when they will fall in the division ruled over by his judge.

Charles Fox wants \$10,000 damages from the Kansas City & Independence Air line, because a train on that line ran into him and he sustained permanent injuries.

L. Striegel says that Frank Titus had him arrested unlawfully and then refused to give him a recognition by the Kansas City Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

Robert P. Allen is a milk dealer, who was injured by a milk can falling from a wagon belonging to the Woolf Bros. Laundry Company, and he asks the court to award him damages.

Ben W. Small was a conductor and he sues the Grand Avenue Railway Company for \$5,000 because he was thrown of his feet one day while on duty and broke a leg.

W. S. Thomas wants to recover \$5,000 from the Metropolitan Street Railway Company because people of the same name were so soon and he had his right knee crushed.

David S. Boyd says that he got on a crowded street car on Main street one day, and while standing on the footboard of the grip car it started suddenly and he was thrown to the street, fracturing his skull. He wants to recover \$5,000 from the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

Henry St. John Dix is the name of a man who wants a divorce from his wife, Dix, because she has three times locked him out of his own house. She has let him in and out at will, and he is tired of indignities upon him, he says. He asks the custody of a minor child.

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